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Library to Screen Documentary “In the Realms of the Unreal” on July 24

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library will screen the POV documentary film “In the Realms of the Unreal” on Sunday, July 24, at 2 p.m., in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

Reclusive janitor by day, visionary artist by night, outsider artist Henry Darger moved through life virtually unnoticed. But after his death, a treasure trove was discovered in his one-room Chicago apartment: a staggering 15,000-page novel and hundreds of illustrations that continue to inspire artists around the world. With dreamlike animation, poignant narration by Dakota Fanning and a haunting musical score, Academy Award-winner Jessica Yu fashions a bold and beautiful film. “In the Realms of the Unreal” immerses us in Darger’s startling universe of innocence and pain, showing how he forged magic out of the bleakest of lives.

“In the Realms of the Unreal” is an evocative glimpse into the inner life of an unknowable man. At 81 minutes, it does not attempt to exhaust its subject so much as encourage further exploration and thought. Questions of “happiness” aside, it’s clear that there was a lot more to Henry Darger than could have been guessed at by his neighbors and colleagues; one can’t help but wonder what secrets will be discovered upon one’s own death, and what epic sagas are unfolding behind the eyes of strangers.

For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/>.

**Since 1988, POV has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America’s most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today’s most pressing social issues. A national PBS premiere of this documentary is slated for Aug. 2 at 10 p.m. Check local listings.*

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